Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 9 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1 and 8 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image pickup device comprising:

an image device;

an instruction unit that instructs a given chromatic color area on a photography screen; and

a white balance processing unit that specifies a color temperature of a light source on the basis of correction values corresponding to respective skin colors of persons, registered on a person basis, an output signal of the image device within the instructed area and a correction value corresponding to a skin color of a selected person, and conducts white balance processing in accordance with a white balance coefficient that corresponds to the specified color temperature of the light source.

2. (Original) An image pickup device according to claim 1, wherein the white balance processing unit calculates color evaluated values on the basis of the output signal of the image device within the instructed area, and specifies the color temperature of the light source on the basis of a color evaluated value that is judged to be included in a predetermined chromatic color detection area among the calculated color evaluated values.

3. (Original) An image pickup device according to claim 2, wherein the chromatic color is a skin color.

4. (Original) An image pickup device according to claim 3, wherein the chromatic color detection area is generated on the basis of a difference between a color evaluated value of a predetermined skin color which corresponds to the color temperature of the photography light source and a color evaluated value of an actually photographed skin color.

5. (Original) An image pickup device according to claim 1, wherein the instruction unit comprises one of a touch panel and a visual line input.

6. (Original) An image pickup device according to claim 3, wherein the chromatic color detection area is selected from a plurality of areas.

7. (Original) An image pickup device according to claim 6, wherein the chromatic color detection area is selected on the basis of an input language that is inputted to the image pickup device by a photographer.

8. (Currently Amended) A white balance processing method for an image pickup device, comprising:

instructing a display device that displays an image and a given chromatic color area of the

image on the display device;

specifying a color temperature of a light source on the basis of <u>correction values</u> <u>corresponding to respective skin colors of persons, registered on a person basis,</u> an image signal within the instructed area <u>and a correction value corresponding to a skin color of a selected</u> <u>person</u>; and

conducting white balance processing in accordance with a white balance coefficient that corresponds to the specified color temperature of the light source.

9.-10.   (Canceled)